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Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

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JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH; CHARLOTTA A. BASS, WAR RISK INSURANCE

(NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE.) USA, LA, ADVISED JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH, DECEASED VETERAN, WAS BORN 5/20/21. ENTERED U. S. ARMY 12/1/43, HAVING ARMY SERIAL NO. 39705276, AND WAS ISSUED NSL POLICY NO. 14831920. KINLOCH WAS KILLED IN ACTION 4/3/45. HIS BENEFICIARY WAS VICTORINE SPEARS KINLOCH, MOTHER, WHO RESIDED AT 62 W. 124TH ST., NEW YORK CITY. THE MOTHER RECEIVED 79 INSTALLMENTS ON THE POLICY UNTIL HER DEATH 10/25/51. JAMES M. KINLOCH IS HALF BROTHER OF DECEASED VETERAN AND IS DEFENDANT WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT IN CONTESTING PAYMENT OF REMAINING INSTALLMENTS TO CHARLOTTA A. BASS, SISTER OF VICTORINE. JAMES M. KINLOCH LAST KNOWN TO RESIDE AT 246 W. 128TH ST., NEW YORK CITY. USA, SDNY ADVISED USA, LA, THAT JAMES M. KINLOCH HAD DIED. USA, LA, REQUESTS COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE OF JAMES M. KINLOCH

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cc: 2-NEW YORK (AIR MAIL)

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JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH, CHARLOTTA A. BASS., WAR RISK INSURANCE
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TO BUREAU, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND NY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL
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TITLE CHANGED JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH-XC 3928-188 CHARLOTTA A. BASS Vs. UNITED STATES; JAMES M. KINLOCH, Civil Action No. 16764-WM, U. S. District Court, Southern District of California			CHARACTER OF CASE WAR RISK INSURANCE (NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE)
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>National Service Life Insurance policy in amount of \$10,000 issued 12/3/43 to JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH, who was killed 4/3/45. Principal beneficiary, VICTORINE KINLOCH, mother on basis of her age elected to accept 120 installments of \$68.10 per month. VICTORINE KINLOCH died 10/25/51 after receiving 79 installments. Since father of veteran predeceased CHARLOTTA BASS, aunt of veteran, filed action for remaining 41 installments, but such payment contested by JAMES M. KINLOCH, half brother of veteran. USA requested verification that latter was living and information concerning correct address. JAMES M. KINLOCH residing 246 West 138th Street, NYC. Deposition will be taken from him by USA in New York.</p> <p>DETAILS: -P</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The title is marked changed to reflect the claim number of the veteran and the name under which civil action has been file in U. S. District Court as reflected in the files of the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles. Previous correspondence carried title as JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH; CHARLOTTA A. BASS.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>At Los Angeles, California</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">By letter dated March 30, 1955, the United States Attorney advised that this matter was pending upon the District Court calendar for pre-trial proceedings with the next hearing set for April 25, 1955. He stated that co-defendant, JAMES M. KINLOCH, is the half brother of the veteran who was insured</p>			
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TITLE JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH-XC 3928-188 CHARLOTTA A. BASS Vs. UNITED STATES; JAMES M. KINLOCH, Civil Action No. 16764-WM, U. S. District Court, Southern District of California			CHARACTER OF CASE WAR RISK INSURANCE (NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Final hearing in this matter scheduled for 6/20/55. 1-1 6-1 - P - <u>DETAILS</u> <u>AT LOS ANGELES:</u> A check of the civil docket, Number 16764 WM in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court reflected that on June 1, 1955 exhibits were filed by both the defendant and plaintiff. Assistant United States Attorney ANDREW DAVIS advised that a final hearing in this case was scheduled before Federal Judge WILLIAM C. MATHES on June 20, 1955. - P -			
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TITLE JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH - XC 3928-188 CHARLOTTA A BASS Vs UNITED STATES; JAMES M KINLOCH, Civil Action No. 16764-WM, U. S. District Court, Southern District of California			CHARACTER OF CASE WAR RISK INSURANCE (NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>On 6/20/55 United States District Court, Los Angeles, ruled that Plaintiff BASS stood in loco parentis to the deceased veteran and was entitled to the maximum payment permitted by law under the Veteran's National Service Life Policy. When principal beneficiary died there remained to be paid forty-one installments of \$68.10 each or \$2,792.10.</p>			
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DETAILS:			
<u>At Los Angeles, California:</u>			
<p>A check of civil docket number 16764 WM in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court reflected that on June 20, 1955 the Court ruled that CHARLOTTA BASS stood in loco parentis to the deceased veteran and was, therefore, entitled to the maximum payment permitted by law under the Veteran's National Service Life Insurance Policy. Assistant United States Attorney ANDREW DAVIS advised that the above decision entitled CHARLOTTA BASS to the remaining unpaid monthly payments under the policy issued to JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH, to the exclusion of JAMES M. KINLOCH.</p> <p>When the principal beneficiary, VICTORINE SPEARS KINLOCH, mother of the veteran died October 25, 1951 she had received seventy-nine installments of \$68.10 each, leaving forty-one installments to be paid or \$2,792.10 under the National Service Life Insurance Policy.</p>			
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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
600 FEDERAL BUILDING
LOS ANGELES 12

March 30, 1955

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Mr. John F. Malone
Special Agent in Charge
of F.B.I.
510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Re: Charlotta A. Bass v. United States
and James M. Kinloch, No. 16764-WM

Dear Sir:

The above-entitled matter is pending upon the District Court calendar for pre-trial proceedings with the next hearing set for April 25, 1955. The co-defendant, James M. Kinloch, is the father of a deceased veteran of the Armed Forces who was insured under a National Service Life Insurance policy.

In order to complete the pre-trial proceedings, we will need to have the testimony of the father who was last reported residing in New York City, New York. His occupation was that of a mailman in that city. In November of 1954, this office had correspondence with Mr. Kinloch in New York. Since that time, we have attempted to take his deposition but were unable to, due to the fact that he was reported dead.

In order to proceed with the pending action, we request an investigation to locate the present whereabouts of Mr. Kinloch if he is alive. In the event that it is determined that he has died, we will need documentary evidence of that fact also. For

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further information in reference to this action and your investigation, contact Assistant United States Attorney, Andrew J. Davis, who is assigned to the matter.

Very truly yours,

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United States Attorney

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JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH; CHARLOTTA A. BASS, WAR RISK INSURANCE

(NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE.) USA, LA, ADVISED JOHN

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IN CONTESTING PAYMENT OF REMAINING INSTALLMENTS TO CHARLOTTA

A. BASS, SISTER OF VICTORINE. JAMES M. KINLOCH LAST KNOWN

TO RESIDE AT 246 W. 128TH ST., NEW YORK CITY. USA, SDNY

ADVISED USA, LA, THAT JAMES M. KINLOCH HAD DIED. USA, LA,

REQUESTS COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE OF JAMES M. KINLOCH

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cc: 2-NEW YORK (AIR MAIL)

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DETAILS OF ABOVE OBTAINED BY SAA JAMES E. DALEY 4/1/55
FROM AUSA ANDREW J. DAVIS AT LA.

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under a National Service Life Insurance policy. His testimony was needed to complete the pre-trial proceedings. JAMES M. KINLOCH was last reported residing in New York City and his occupation was that of a mailman. In November, 1954, the United States Attorney at Los Angeles had some correspondence with him but since that time he made efforts to have a deposition taken from him but was advised that he had died.

The United States Attorney stated that in order to proceed with the pending action he requested an investigation to determine if JAMES M. KINLOCH was living or documentary evidence of his death.

The New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised on April 8, 1955 that JAMES M. KINLOCH was employed at that time as a postal clerk at the College Station, 217 West 140th Street, New York City, and that he was residing at 246 West 138th Street, New York City. This information was immediately furnished to Assistant United States Attorney ANDREW J. DAVIS who stated that he will take steps to have the United States Attorney in New York obtain a deposition from KINLOCH. Mr. DAVIS stated that he would request no further investigation at the present time.

A review of the file in this case in the Office of the United States Attorney reflected that the Veterans Administration submitted a Statement of Facts and Law relative to the matter of JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH, XC 3928-188, who was born May 30, 1921. He entered on duty in the United States Army in 1943 and was assigned serial number 39-705-276. On December 3, 1943, he was issued a National Service Life policy Number N 14-831-920 in the amount of \$10,000.00 with his mother, VICTORINE SPEARS KINLOCH, as principal beneficiary and JAMES S. KINLOCH, father, as contingent beneficiary, both residing at 62 West 124th Street, New York City. When the veteran was issued the policy he gave as his address 4075 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

JAMES S. KINLOCH, father of the veteran, died February 4, 1944 at the age of seventynine. After the death of the insured, the principal beneficiary elected to receive the

insurance under option one, on the basis of her age of sixty years, payable at the rate of \$68.10 per month in continuous life installments beginning April 3, 1945, with 120 installments certain to be paid. The principal beneficiary died October 25, 1951, after receiving a total of seventynine installments. The Veterans Administration advised that since the contingent beneficiary predeceased the principal beneficiary, the remaining fortyone installments are due and payable to the person or persons within the class specified. The Veterans Administration advised that CHARLOTTA BASS claimed that she was entitled to the remaining fortyone installments, but her claim was contested by JAMES M. KINLOCH, a half brother of the veteran who resided at 246 West 138th Street, New York City. CHARLOTTA BASS is the sister of the deceased veteran's mother. The Veterans Administration advised that there was no evidence that the mother of the veteran ever released parental control of the insured to CHARLOTTA BASS. He was living with the latter before he entered the United States Army to take advantage of better educational facilities in California.

On May 7, 1954, a complaint was filed by CHARLOTTA A. BASS, Civil Action No. 16764, in the United States District Court of the Southern District of California under the National Service Life Act of 1940 and World War Veterans Act of 1924. In her complaint she stated that the veteran was inducted into the armed forces on July 19, 1943. (Veterans Administration Statement of Facts shows EOD date as December 1, 1943.)

The complaint further set forth an order issued by the Superior Court of Los Angeles County on July 15, 1941 appointing her as a guardian of the veteran. She claims that with the death of the real parents of the insured she stands "in loco parentis" under the National Service Life Act of 1940.

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This case is being closed since the United States Attorney does not contemplate requesting any further investigation at this time and further because there will be no statistics to report in the form of recoveries since the government is committed to pay fortyone installments under the National Service Life Policy. The civil action filed is to determine to whom the installments should be paid.

One copy of this report is being designated for the New York Office for their information since JAMES M. KINLOCH resides within the jurisdiction of that office.

REFERENCE: Los Angeles airtel to Bureau and
New York, 4/4/55.
New York teletype to Los Angeles, 4/8/55

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (82-2154)

DATE: April 29, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH-XC 3928-188
CHARLOTTA A. BASS vs. UNITED STATES;
JAMES M. KINLOCH, Civil Action No.
16764-WM, U. S. District Court,
Southern District of California
WAR RISK INSURANCE
(NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE)

Rerep SA James E. Daley, dated 4/20/55 at
Los Angeles.

Instant matter should remain pending so that your office may report the final disposition. For your information, it is possible that a savings may be recorded in this matter. If United States Government made payments to Charlotta A. Bass and at a later date it was determined that James M. Kinloch should have received such payments, the Government would be obligated to pay him. Inasmuch as the investigation in instant matter by your office has indicated that James M. Kinloch is alive, instant suit will enable the United States Government to resolve to whom the remaining installments of the National Service Life Insurance policy should be paid.

The status of rerep should, therefore, be changed to pending and you should report results of the court action as soon as information is received by your office.

It will not be necessary to submit amended pages since appropriate changes have been made on Bureau copies in ink.

*Respectfully,
JRM*

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
600 FEDERAL BUILDING
LOS ANGELES 12

May 5, 1955

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Mr. John F. Malone
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 W. 6th St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Re: Bass v. United States, No. 16764-WM

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your Report dated April 20, 1955 in reference to the above entitled action.

The information contained in the above referred to Report constitutes all the information requested by this office for the case. Therefore, no further investigation is requested and you may mark your file closed.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the work of Agent James E. Daley who handled the case for your office and informally furnished the present address of the co-defendant within a week.

Yours very truly,

Laughlin E. Waters

LAUGHLIN E. WATERS
United States Attorney

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Final hearing in this matter scheduled for 6/20/55.

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DETAILS

AT LOS ANGELES:

A check of the civil docket Number 16764 WM in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court reflected that on June 1, 1955 exhibits were filed by both the defendant and plaintiff. Assistant United States Attorney ANDREW DAVIS advised that a final hearing in this case was scheduled before Federal Judge WILLIAM C. MATHES on June 20, 1955.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will report the results of the final hearing in this case before Federal Judge WILLIAM C. MATHES June 20, 1955.

REFERENCE:

Report of SAA JAMES E. DALEY dated April 20, 1955 at Los Angeles.

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TITLE JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH - XC 3928-188 CHARLOTTA A. BASS Vs UNITED STATES; JAMES M. KINLOCH, Civil Action No. 16764-WM, U. S. District Court, Southern District of California			CHARACTER OF CASE WAR RISK INSURANCE (NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE)

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At Los Angeles, California:

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When the principal beneficiary, VICTORINE SPEARS KINLOCH, mother of the veteran died October 25, 1951 she had received seventy-nine installments of \$68.10 each, leaving forty-one installments to be paid or \$2,792.10 under the National Service Life Insurance Policy.

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This case had remained in a pending status in the Los Angeles Office to determine whether CHARLOTTA BASS or JAMES M. KINLOCH would be entitled to the remaining installments after the death of the principal beneficiary of the veteran.

One copy of this report is being designated for the New York Office for their information since defendant JAMES M. KINLOCH resides within the jurisdiction of that office.

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JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH; CHARLOTTA A. BASS, WAR RISK INSURANCE

(NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE.) USA, LA, ADVISED JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH, DECEASED VETERAN, WAS BORN 5/20/21. ENTERED U. S. ARMY 12/1/43, HAVING ARMY SERIAL NO. 39705276, AND WAS ISSUED NSL POLICY NO. 14831920. KINLOCH WAS KILLED IN ACTION 4/3/45. HIS BENEFICIARY WAS VICTORINE SPEARS KINLOCH, MOTHER, WHO RESIDED AT 62 W. 124TH ST., NEW YORK CITY. THE MOTHER RECEIVED 79 INSTALLMENTS ON THE POLICY UNTIL HER DEATH 10/25/51. JAMES M. KINLOCH IS HALF BROTHER OF DECEASED VETERAN AND IS DEFENDANT WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT IN CONTESTING PAYMENT OF REMAINING INSTALLMENTS TO CHARLOTTA A. BASS, SISTER OF VICTORINE. JAMES M. KINLOCH LAST KNOWN TO RESIDE AT 246 W. 128TH ST., NEW YORK CITY.. USA, SDNY ADVISED USA, LA, THAT JAMES M. KINLOCH HAD DIED.. USA, LA, REQUESTS COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE OF JAMES M. KINLOCH

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March 30, 1955

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Mr. John F. Malone
Special Agent in Charge
of F.B.I.
510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Re: Charlotta A. Bass v. United States
and James M. Kinloch, No. 16764-WM

Dear Sir:

The above-entitled matter is pending upon the District Court calendar for pre-trial proceedings with the next hearing set for April 25, 1955. The co-defendant, James M. Kinloch, is the father of a deceased veteran of the Armed Forces who was insured under a National Service Life Insurance policy.

In order to complete the pre-trial proceedings, we will need to have the testimony of the father who was last reported residing in New York City, New York. His occupation was that of a mailman in that city. In November of 1954, this office had correspondence with Mr. Kinloch in New York. Since that time, we have attempted to take his deposition but were unable to, due to the fact that he was reported dead.

In order to proceed with the pending action, we request an investigation to locate the present whereabouts of Mr. Kinloch if he is alive. In the event that it is determined that he has died, we will need documentary evidence of that fact also. For

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further information in reference to this action and your investigation, contact Assistant United States Attorney, Andrew J. Davis, who is assigned to the matter.

Very truly yours,

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A. BASS, SISTER OF VICTORINE. JAMES M. KINLOCH LAST KNOWN

TO RESIDE AT 246 W. 128TH ST., NEW YORK CITY. USA, SDNY

ADVISED USA, LA, THAT JAMES M. KINLOCH HAD DIED. USA, LA,

REQUESTS COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE OF JAMES M. KINLOCH

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The United States Attorney stated that in order to proceed with the pending action he requested an investigation to determine if JAMES M. KINLOCH was living or documentary evidence of his death.

The New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised on April 8, 1955 that JAMES M. KINLOCH was employed at that time as a postal clerk at the College Station, 217 West 140th Street, New York City, and that he was residing at 246 West 138th Street, New York City. This information was immediately furnished to Assistant United States Attorney ANDREW J. DAVIS who stated that he will take steps to have the United States Attorney in New York obtain a deposition from KINLOCH. Mr. DAVIS stated that he would request no further investigation at the present time.

A review of the file in this case in the Office of the United States Attorney reflected that the Veterans Administration submitted a Statement of Facts and Law relative to the matter of JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH, XC 3928-188, who was born May 30, 1921. He entered on duty in the United States Army in 1943 and was assigned serial number 39-705-276. On December 3, 1943, he was issued a National Service Life policy Number N 14-831-920 in the amount of \$10,000.00 with his mother, VICTORINE SPEARS KINLOCH, as principal beneficiary and JAMES S. KINLOCH, father, as contingent beneficiary, both residing at 62 West 124th Street, New York City. When the veteran was issued the policy he gave as his address 4075 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

JAMES S. KINLOCH, father of the veteran, died February 4, 1944 at the age of seventynine. After the death of the insured, the principal beneficiary elected to receive the

insurance under option one, on the basis of her age of sixty years, payable at the rate of \$68.10 per month in continuous life installments beginning April 3, 1945, with 120 installments certain to be paid. The principal beneficiary died October 25, 1951, after receiving a total of seventynine installments. The Veterans Administration advised that since the contingent beneficiary predeceased the principal beneficiary, the remaining fortyone installments are due and payable to the person or persons within the class specified. The Veterans Administration advised that CHARLOTTA BASS claimed that she was entitled to the remaining fortyone installments, but her claim was contested by JAMES M. KINLOCH, a half brother of the veteran who resided at 246 West 138th Street, New York City. CHARLOTTA BASS is the sister of the deceased veteran's mother. The Veterans Administration advised that there was no evidence that the mother of the veteran ever released parental control of the insured to CHARLOTTA BASS. He was living with the latter before he entered the United States Army to take advantage of better educational facilities in California.

On May 7, 1954, a complaint was filed by CHARLOTTA A. BASS, Civil Action No. 16764, in the United States District Court of the Southern District of California under the National Service Life Act of 1940 and World War Veterans Act of 1924. In her complaint she stated that the veteran was inducted into the armed forces on July 19, 1943. (Veterans Administration Statement of Facts shows EOD date as December 1, 1943.)

The complaint further set forth an order issued by the Superior Court of Los Angeles County on July 15, 1941 appointing her as a guardian of the veteran. She claims that with the death of the real parents of the insured she stands "in loco parentis" under the National Service Life Act of 1940.

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This case is being closed since the United States Attorney does not contemplate requesting any further investigation at this time and further because there will be no statistics to report in the form of recoveries since the government is committed to pay fortyone installments under the National Service Life Policy. The civil action filed is to determine to whom the installments should be paid.

One copy of this report is being designated for the New York Office for their information since JAMES M. KINLOCH resides within the jurisdiction of that office.

REFERENCE: Los Angeles airtel to Bureau and
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (82-2154)

DATE: April 29, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH-XC 3928-188
CHARLOTTA A. BASS vs. UNITED STATES;
JAMES M. KINLOCH, Civil Action No.
16764-WM, U. S. District Court,
Southern District of California
WAR RISK INSURANCE
(NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE)

Rerep SA James E. Daley, dated 4/20/55 at
Los Angeles.

Instant matter should remain pending so that your office may report the final disposition. For your information, it is possible that a savings may be recorded in this matter. If United States Government made payments to Charlotta A. Bass and at a later date it was determined that James M. Kinloch should have received such payments, the Government would be obligated to pay him. Inasmuch as the investigation in instant matter by your office has indicated that James M. Kinloch is alive, instant suit will enable the United States Government to resolve to whom the remaining installments of the National Service Life Insurance policy should be paid.

The status of rerep should, therefore, be changed to pending and you should report results of the court action as soon as information is received by your office.

It will not be necessary to submit amended pages since appropriate changes have been made on Bureau copies in ink.

*Respectfully,
JRM*

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Mr. John F. Malone
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 W. 6th St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Re: Bass v. United States, No. 16764-WM

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your Report dated April 20, 1955 in reference to the above entitled action.

The information contained in the above referred to Report constitutes all the information requested by this office for the case. Therefore, no further investigation is requested and you may mark your file closed.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the work of Agent James E. Daley who handled the case for your office and informally furnished the present address of the co-defendant within a week.

Yours very truly,

Laughlin E. Waters

LAUGHLIN E. WATERS
United States Attorney

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TITLE JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH-KC 3928-183 CHARLOTTA A. BASS Vs. UNITED STATES; JAMES M. KINLOCH, Civil Action No. 16764-WM, U. S. District Court, Southern District of California			CHARACTER OF CASE WAR RISK INSURANCE (NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Final hearing in this matter scheduled for 6/20/55.

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DETAILS

AT LOS ANGELES:

A check of the civil docket Number 16764 WM in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court reflected that on June 1, 1955 exhibits were filed by both the defendant and plaintiff. Assistant United States Attorney ANDREW DAVIS advised that a final hearing in this case was scheduled before Federal Judge WILLIAM C. MATHES on June 20, 1955.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will report the results of the final hearing in this case before Federal Judge WILLIAM C. MATHES June 20, 1955.

REFERENCE:

Report of SAA JAMES E. DALEY dated April 20, 1955 at Los Angeles.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 7/14/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/28/55	REPORT MADE BY JAMES E. DALEY (A) jep
TITLE JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH - XC 3928-188 CHARLOTTA A. BASS Vs UNITED STATES; JAMES M. KINLOCH, Civil Action No. 16764-WM, U. S. District Court, Southern District of California			CHARACTER OF CASE WAR RISK INSURANCE (NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 6/20/55 United States District Court, Los Angeles, ruled that Plaintiff BASS stood in loco parentis to the deceased veteran and was entitled to the maximum payment permitted by law under the Veteran's National Service Life Policy. When principal beneficiary died there remained to be paid forty-one installments of \$68.10 each or \$2,792.10.

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DETAILS:

At Los Angeles, California:

A check of civil docket number 16764 WM in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court reflected that on June 20, 1955 the Court ruled that CHARLOTTA BASS stood in loco parentis to the deceased veteran and was, therefore, entitled to the maximum payment permitted by law under the Veteran's National Service Life Insurance Policy. Assistant United States Attorney ANDREW DAVIS advised that the above decision entitled CHARLOTTA BASS to the remaining unpaid monthly payments under the policy issued to JOHN SPEARS KINLOCH, to the exclusion of JAMES M. KINLOCH.

When the principal beneficiary, VICTORINE SPEARS KINLOCH, mother of the veteran died October 25, 1951 she had received seventy-nine installments of \$68.10 each, leaving forty-one installments to be paid or \$2,792.10 under the National Service Life Insurance Policy.

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This case had remained in a pending status in the Los Angeles Office to determine whether CHARLOTTA BASS or JAMES M. KINLOCH would be entitled to the remaining installments after the death of the principal beneficiary of the veteran.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA JAMES E. DALEY (A) dated June 20, 1955 at Los Angeles.

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